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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 01-056

TO: School Districts Superintendents & Charter Administrators

FROM: Lyle Friesen, Director of School Finance

DATE: June 26, 2001

SUBJECT: K-3 Student Count Add-on Funding

K-3 support level weights in ARS§15-943 was increased from 0.050 to 0.060 for FY2000-01, by Laws 1999, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1, §30. It is required that the additional funding received as a result of the increased support level weight must only be used for research-based literacy programs proven to demonstrate increased reading performance in kindergarten programs through third grade.

Districts/Charters must report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by July 15, 2001, on how the additional funding was used and how well the additional funding **increased reading performance** in K-3. Schools that fail to report by July 15th shall have monies generated by the K-3 weight withheld until such time as the Superintendent receives the report (Laws 1999, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1, §30).

An on-line form is available on the School Finance web site and can be submitted from that location. To access this form and submit, go to <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/forms>. Select budgets, select K-3 Student Count Add-On Funding Input Form.

Only those districts and charters that received Group B K-3 add-on funding for FY00-01 must fill out the form.

